

AUG 06 2004

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

P  
A  
P  
E  
R  
O  
F  
F  
I  
C  
E  
J  
C  
I  
S  
A  
C  
H  
O  
R  
E

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

6

## Complete if Known

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)	Application Number	10/806,995
	Filing Date	3/23/2004
	First Named Inventor	Marwan Abboud, et al.
	Art Unit	3763
	Examiner Name	Not yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of
	6	
		Attorney Docket Number
		21819-194U

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
AC		US-5,792,094	08/11/1993	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,584,803	12/17/1996	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,682,906	11/04/1997	Sterman, et al.	
		US-5,702,368	12/30/1997	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,713,951	02/03/1998	Garrison, et al.	
		US-5,718,725	02/17/1998	Sterman, et al.	
		US-5,728,151	03/17/1998	Garrison, et al.	
		US-5,735,290	04/07/1998	Sterman, et al.	
		US-5,755,682	05/26/1998	Knudson, et al.	
		US-5,766,151	06/16/1998	Valley, et al.	
		US-5,769,812	06/23/1998	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,795,325	08/18/1998	Valley, et al.	
		US-5,814,016	09/29/1998	Valley, et al.	
		US-5,814,097	09/29/1998	Sterman, et al.	
		US-5,827,235	10/27/1998	Macoviak, et al.	
		US-5,833,671	11/10/1998	Macoviak, et al.	
		US-5,855,210	01/05/1999	Sterman, et al.	
		US-5,868,702	02/09/1999	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,879,499	03/09/1999	Corvi	
		US-5,885,238	03/23/1999	Stevens, et al.	
		US-5,904,147	05/18/1999	Conlan, et al.	
		US-5,906,579	05/25/1999	Vander Salm, et al.	
		US-5,944,019	08/31/1999	Knudson, et al.	
		US-5,961,481	10/05/1999	Sterman, et al.	
		US-6,027,476	02/22/2000	Sterman, et al.	
		US-6,043,273	03/28/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,059,757	05/09/2000	Macoviak, et al.	
		US-6,060,454	05/09/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,087,394	07/11/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,093,166	07/25/2000	Knudson, et al.	
		US-6,101,412	08/08/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,117,101	09/12/2000	Diederich, et al.	
		US-6,123,682	09/26/2000	Knudson, et al.	
		US-6,127,410	10/03/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,141,589	10/31/2000	Duhaylongsod	
		US-6,168,586	01/02/2001	Hahnen	
		US-6,190,353	02/20/2001	Makower, et al.	
		US-6,248,117	06/19/2001	Blatter	
		US-6,251,093	06/26/2001	Valley, et al.	
		US-6,283,127	09/04/2001	Sterman, et al.	
		US-6,311,693	11/06/2001	Sterman, et al.	
		US-6,325,067	12/04/2001	Sterman, et al.	
		US-6,350,248	02/26/2002	Knudson, et al.	
		US-6,361,519	03/26/2002	Kudson, et al.	
		US-6,383,151	05/07/2002	Diederich, et al.	
		US-6,414,018	07/02/2002	Kuhaylongsod	
		US-6,454,794	09/24/2002	Knudson, et al.	
		US-6,290,696 B1	09/18/2001	D.M. Lafontaine	
		US-6,355,029 B1	03/12/2002	J. Joye, et al.	
		US-6,972,013	10/26/1999	C.C. Schmidt	
		US-6,161,543	12/19/2000	J.L. Cox, et al.	
		US-6,231,518 B1	05/15/2001	J.R. Grabek, et al.	
		US-6,237,605 B1	05/29/2001	M. Vaska, et al.	
		US-6,311,692 B2	11/06/2001	M. Vaska, et al.	
		US-6,314,962 B2	11/13/2001	M. Vaska, et al.	

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>		
				<b>Application Number</b>		10/806,995
				<b>Filing Date</b>		3/23/2004
				<b>First Named Inventor</b>		Marwan Abboud, et al.
				<b>Art Unit</b>		3763
				<b>Examiner Name</b>		Not yet Assigned
Sheet 2 of 6		Attorney Docket Number		21819-194U		
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
 		US-4,043,341	08/23/1977	T.A. Tromovitch		
		US-4,534,339	08/13/1985	I.P. Collins, et al.		
		US-4,919,112	04/24/1990	W.P. Siegmund		
		US-4,946,440	08/07/1990	J.E. Hall		
		US-5,078,713	01/07/1992	K.J. Vamey		
		US-5,098,428	03/24/1992	F.M. Sandlin, et al.		
		US-5,170,787	12/15/1992	U. Lindgren		
		US-5,217,482	06/08/1993	P.T. Keith		
		US-5,324,286	06/28/1994	A.A. Fowle		
		US-5,334,181	08/02/1994	B. Rubinsky, et al.		
		US-5,423,807	06/13/1995	F.L. Milder		
		US-5,452,582	09/26/1995	R.C. Longsworth		
		US-5,658,278	08/19/1997	M.A. Imran, et al.		
		US-5,674,218	10/07/1997	B. Rubinsky, et al.		
		US-5,685,878	11/11/1997	G.S. Falwell, et al.		
		US-5,697,927	12/16/1997	M.A. Imran, et al.		
		US-5,715,817	02/10/1998	D.E. Stevens-Wright, et al.		
		US-5,860,970	01/19/1999	R.W. Goddard, et al.		
		US-5,860,953	01/19/1999	P.J. Snoke, et al.		
		US-5,916,212	06/29/1999	J.G. Bautz, et al.		
		US-6,007,571	12/28/1999	B.H. Neilson, et al.		
		US-6,221,070 B1	04/24/2001	H. Tu, et al.		
		US-6,224,624 B1	05/01/2001	J.C. Lasheras, et al.		
		US-6,314,963 B1	11/13/2001	M. Vaska, et al.		
		US-6,440,126 B1	08/27/2002	M. Abboud, et al.		
		US-6,474,340 B1	11/05/2002	M. Vaska, et al.		
		US-6,484,727 B1	11/26/2002	M. Vaska, et al.		
		US-6,517,536 B2	02/11/2003	M.D. Hooven, et al.		
		US-6,527,768 B2	03/04/2003	D. Berube		
		US-6,546,935 B2	04/15/2003	M.D. Hooven		
		US-6,569,082 B1	05/27/2003	A.K. Chin		
		US-6,592,552 B1	07/15/2003	C.C. Schmidt		
		US-6,645,202 B1	11/11/2003	B.Pless, et al.		
		US-6,689,128 B2	02/10/2004	J.W. Sliwa, Jr., et al.		
		US-6,695,769 B2	02/24/2004	R.G. French, et al.		
		US-6,701,931 B2	03/09/2004	J.W. Sliwa, Jr., et al.		
		US-6,719,755 B2	04/13/2004	J.W. Sliwa, Jr., et al.		

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>		
				Application Number	10/806,995	
				Filing Date	3/23/2004	
				First Named Inventor	Marwan Abboud, et al.	
				Art Unit	3763	
				Examiner Name	Not yet Assigned	
Sheet		3	of	6	Attorney Docket Number	21819-194U

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
AT		US-3,903,871	09/09/1975	G.T. Chisum, et al.	
		US-3,938,514	02/17/1976	L.J. Boucher	
		US-4,029,099	06/14/1977	L.A. Fifield	
		US-4,176,662	12/04/1979	R.E. Frazer	
		US-4,411,656	10/25/1983	W.G. Cornett, III	
		US-4,509,370	04/09/1985	T.B. Hirschfeld	
		US-4,620,769	11/04/1986	K. Tsuno	
		US-4,686,996	08/18/1987	P. Ulbrich	
		US-4,704,104	11/03/1987	J.F. Christensen	
		US-4,725,267	02/16/1988	V.L. Vaillancourt	
		US-4,787,882	11/29/1988	J.S. Clarén	
		US-4,813,425	03/21/1989	M.J. Mais	
		US-5,015,240	05/14/1991	Z. Soproni, et al.	
		US-5,205,298	04/27/1993	C. Hurst	
		US-5,314,408	05/24/1994	S.M. Salmon, et al.	
		US-5,327,881	07/12/1994	C.M. Greene	
		US-5,363,882	11/15/1994	T. Chikama	
		US-5,364,353	11/15/1994	M.T. Corfitsen, et al.	
		US-5,409,469	04/25/1995	R. Schaerf	
		US-5,466,222	11/14/1995	T.V. Resemann, et al.	
		US-5,569,161	10/29/1996	W.V. Ebling, et al.	
		US-5,575,773	11/19/1996	K.J. Song, et al.	
		US-5,669,870	09/23/1997	J.J. Elist	
		US-5,769,702	06/23/1998	S.P. Hanson	
		US-5,876,324	03/02/1999	E. Trouchine	
		US-5,957,963	09/28/1999	J.D. Dobak, III	
		US-6,001,117	12/14/1999	S.T. Huxel, et al.	
		US-6,033,426	03/07/2000	K. Kaji	
		US-6,096,068	08/01/2000	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.	
		US-6,106,518	08/22/2000	D. Wittenberger, et al.	
		US-6,149,677	11/21/2000	J.D. Dobak, III	
		US-6,162,171	12/19/2000	W.S. Ng, et al.	
		US-6,190,348 B1	02/20/2001	H.A. Tiemann, et al.	
		US-6,224,624 B1	05/01/2001	J.C. Lasheras, et al.	
		US-6,235,019 B1	05/22/2001	J.W. Lehmann, et al.	
		US-6,238,371 B1	05/29/2001	H. Hibert, et al.	
		US-6,238,428 B1	05/29/2001	R.L. Werneth, et al.	
	↓	US-6,245,095 B1	06/12/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.	

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>			
				<b>Application Number</b>		10/806,995	
				<b>Filing Date</b>		3/23/2004	
				<b>First Named Inventor</b>		Marwan Abboud, et al.	
				<b>Art Unit</b>		3763	
				<b>Examiner Name</b>		Not yet Assigned	
Sheet	4	of	6	Attorney Docket Number	21819-194U		
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
<p>AK</p> <p>▼</p>		US-5,868,735	02/09/1999	Lafontaine			
		US-5,964,778	10/12/1999	Fugoso, et al.			
		US-6,012,457	01/11/2000	Lesh			
		US-6,024,740	02/15/2000	Lesh, et al.			
		US-6,036,697	03/14/2000	DiCaprio			
		US-6,164,283	12/26/2000	Lesh			
		US-6,179,827 B1	01/30/2001	Davis, et al.			
		US-6,179,810 B1	01/30/2001	Wantink, et al.			
		US-6,233,491 B1	05/15/2001	Kordis, et al.			
		US-6,237,604 B1	05/29/2001	Burnside, et al.			
		US-6,241,754 B1	06/05/2001	Swanson, et al.			
		US-6,245,064 B1	06/12/2001	Lesh, et al.			
		US-6,254,599 B1	07/03/2001	Lesh, et al.			
		US-6,290,696 B1	09/18/2001	Lafontaine			
		US-6,305,378 B1	10/23/2001	Lesh			
		US-6,325,797 B1	12/04/2001	Stewart, et al.			
		US-6,355,029 B1	03/12/2002	Joye, et al.			
		US-6,416,511 B1	07/09/2002	Lesh, et al.			
		US-6,432,102 B2	08/13/2002	Joye, et al.			
		US-6,471,694 B1	10/29/2002	Kudaravalli, et al.			
		US-6,502,576 B1	01/07/2003	Lesh			
		US-6,514,249 B1	02/04/2003	Maguire, et al.			
		US-6,514,245 B1	02/04/2003	Williams, et al.			
		US-6,517,533 B1	02/11/2003	Swaminathan			
		US-6,602,276 B2	08/05/2003	Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2003/0199861 A1	10/23/2003	Lafontaine			
		US-6,645,234 B2	11/11/2003	Evans, et al.			
		US-6,648,883 B2	11/18/2003	Francischelli, et al.			
		US-6,648,879 B2	11/18/2003	Joye, et al.			
		US-6,648,878 B2	11/18/2003	Lafontaine			
		US-6,659,981 B2	12/09/2003	Stewart, et al.			
		US-6,666,858 B2	12/23/2003	Lafontaine			
		US-6,685,732 B2	02/03/2004	Kramer			
		US-2004/0034344 A1	02/19/2004	Ryba			
		US-6,702,811 B2	03/09/2004	Stewart, et al.			
		US-6,387,092 B1	05/14/2004	Burnside, et al.			
		US-6,740,104 B	05/25/2004	Solar, et al.			
		US-6,578,579 B2	06/17/2004	Burnside, et al.			

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>			
				Application Number		10/806,995	
				Filing Date		3/23/2004	
				First Named Inventor		Marwan Abboud, et al.	
				Art Unit		3763	
				Examiner Name		Not yet Assigned	
Sheet	5	of	6	Attorney Docket Number		21819-194U	
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)					
AT		US-6,161,543	12/19/2000	J.L. Cox, et al.			
		US-2001/0001830 A1	05/24/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0001831 A1	05/24/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0002442 A1	05/31/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,241,722 B1	06/05/2001	J.D. Dobak, et al.			
		US-6,248,089 B1	06/19/2001	G. Porat			
		US-6,248,096 B1	06/19/2001	P. Dwork, et al.			
		US-6,251,130 B1	06/26/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,254,626 B1	07/03/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0011184 A1	08/02/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0011185 A1	08/02/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,270,482 B1	08/07/2001	J.P. Rosoff, et al.			
		US-6,270,488 B1	08/07/2001	B. Johnson, et al.			
		US-2001/0016763 A1	08/23/2001	J.C. Lasheras, et al.			
		US-6,283,294 B1	09/04/2001	J. Thorball, et al.			
		US-2001/0021865 A1	09/13/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0021866 A1	09/13/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-2001/0029394 A1	10/11/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,312,452 B1	11/06/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,315,761 B1	11/13/2001	A. Shcherbina, et al.			
		US-2001/0041923 A1	11/15/2001	J.D. Dobak, III, et al.			
		US-6,319,235 B1	11/20/2001	K. Yoshino			
		US-6,319,248 B1	11/20/2001	D. Nahon			
		US-2001/0044615 A1	11/22/2001	Y. Amano, et al.			
		US-2001/0047138 A1	11/29/2001	J.Y. Kokate, et al.			
		US-2001/0047138 A1	11/29/2001	J.Y. Kokate, et al.			
		US-6,540,740 B2	04/01/2003	J.W. Lehmann, et al.			

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			T <sup>5</sup>	
↓		GB 2,163,655 A	03/05/1986	R. E. Fischell		
		JP 402,095,364 A	04/06/1990	Y. Takayama		
		JP 405,293,077 A	11/09/1993	H. Moriyama, et al.		
		WO 98/17187	04/30/1998	James Cox, et al.		
Examiner Signature				Date Considered	12/22/05	

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

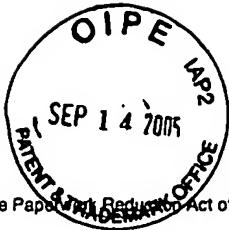
Substitute for form 1449B/PTO				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>				Application Number	10/806,995
(use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	3/23/2004
Sheet	6	21819-194U	6	First Named Inventor	Marwan Abboud, et al.
				Group Art Unit	3763
				Examiner Name	Not yet Assigned
				Attorney Docket Number	21819-194U

<b>OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b>					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T <sup>2</sup>
AT		D'AVILA, A., et al., <u>Pericardial Anatomy for the Interventional Electrophysiologist</u> , <i>J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol</i> , Vol. 14, pp. 422-430, April 2003.			
		Anonymous Author, <u>Flex 10, Afx Microwave Beating Heart Ablation System</u> , Products Page, <a href="http://www.afx-inc.com/flex10.htm">http://www.afx-inc.com/flex10.htm</a> , visited May 04, 2004.			
		SALTMAN, A.E., et al., <u>A Completely Endoscopic Approach to Microwave Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation</u> , <i>The Heart Surgery Forum</i> , (#2003-11333; January 13, 2003) 6(3): E38-41.			
Examiner Signature			Date Considered	12/22/05	

<sup>1</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>2</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>3</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>4</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>5</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.18 if possible. <sup>7</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p><i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>		
				<b>Application Number</b>		10/806,995
				<b>Filing Date</b>		3/23/2004
				<b>First Named Inventor</b>		Marwan Abboud, et al.
				<b>Art Unit</b>		3763
				<b>Examiner Name</b>		Not yet Assigned
Sheet 1 of 1				Attorney Docket Number 21819-194U		
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number- Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)				
AK		US-5,885,244		03/23/1999	J.E. Leone, et al.	
		US-2003/0187428		10/02/2003	M. Lane, et al.	

<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)					
		WO 99/24095		05/20/1999	Invastec, Inc.		
		WO 02/064194		08/22/2002	Acist Medical Systems, Inc.		
		CA 2 461 217		04/03/2003	D. Schechter, et al.		
Examiner Signature		<i>Alex Z</i>		Date Considered		12/22/05	

<sup>1</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>2</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>3</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>4</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>5</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>7</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

40612